

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1596

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GPS on PDS Vehicles

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to equip the trucks/vehicles carrying Public Distribution System (PDS) supplies with Global Positioning System (GPS) and Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) devices to check diversion of foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of other steps being taken by the Government for effective implementation of PDS and also to ensure that the ration items are properly and timely delivered to the fair price shops and do not make their way to the open market as well as to curb their hoarding; and
- (d) the details of the quantum and price of foodgrains distributed under PDS during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): No Madam. In order to curb diversion and leakages of foodgrains meant for TPDS, a scheme for Installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) sets was taken up for implementation in 11th Five Year Plan on pilot basis in the States of Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh for tracking the movement of vehicles transporting Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) commodities. Further, due to implementation of a Plan Scheme on End-to-end Computerization of TPDS Operations during the 12th Five Year Plan to ensure transparency and check leakages/diversion in the TPDS system which includes supply chain management, this scheme has been discontinued.

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(c): Strengthening and streamlining of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is a continuous endeavour. To improve functioning of TPDS and effective implementation of it, Government has been regularly issuing advisories and holding meetings, conferences, etc. wherein State/UT Governments are requested for review of list of beneficiaries, improving the offtake of allocated foodgrains, ensuring timely availability of foodgrains at Fair Price Shops (FPSs), greater transparency in functioning of TPDS, improved monitoring and vigilance at various levels, improving the viability of FPS operations, etc. The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 also contains measures for reforms in TPDS, to be under taken progressively by the Central and State/UT Governments. These reforms include cash transfer, door-step delivery of foodgrains at the FPS, application of information and communication technology tools including end to end computerization preference to public institutions/bodies in licensing of FPS, etc. Further, TPDS (C) Order, 2015 inter-alia requires State Government to take following important steps for reforming TPDS:-

1. Ensure through Authorised Agency, Physical delivery of foodgrains at FPS.
2. Obtain Monthly certificate confirming delivery of allocated foodgrain at FPS and its distribution to eligible household.
3. Application of IT tools for functioning of PDS.
4. Ensure monitoring of end-to-end operations of TPDS through electronic platform.
5. Notify Internal Grievance Redressal Mechanism.

With a view to reform and modernize the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Government has initiated a plan scheme on 'End-to-end Computerization of TPDS Operations during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) on cost sharing basis with the States/UTs. The Costs are being shared on 90:10 basis with North Eastern States and on 50:50 basis with other States/UTs. This scheme comprises activities, namely, digitization of ration cards/beneficiary and other databases, computerization of supply-chain management, setting up of transparency portals and grievances redressal mechanism. As part of beneficiary data digitization, States/UTs have been requested to seed the Aadhaar numbers wherever available so as to weed out the ineligible/bogus/duplicate beneficiaries. Further, guidelines for Fair Price Shop (FPS) automation have been sent to All States/UTs on 11.11.2014. FPS automation involves, installation of Point of Sale (PoS) devices at FPS for biometric authentication of beneficiaries, recording of sales to beneficiaries at the FPS, and uploading of transaction data in central server.

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(d): TPDS is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/UT Governments. Central Government is responsible for procurement, allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of the Food Corporation of India. The operational responsibilities for distribution of foodgrains within the States/UTs rest with the concerned State/UT Governments.

State/UT wise statement showing allocation of foodgrains and the quantity of foodgrains lifted by the State/UT Govts. for distribution during the last three years is at Annex I&II.

Under NFSA, foodgrains are provided to beneficiaries at a highly subsidized rate of Rs.3/2 per kg for rice and wheat respectively. Allocation of foodgrains for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families is Rs. 5.65/4.15 per kg for rice and wheat respectively. Allocation of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) families is Rs. 7.95 per kg for rice (common)/Rs. 8.30 per kg for rice (grade 'A') and Rs. 6.10 per kg for wheat.

Annex I

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1596 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2016

IN THE LOK SABHA

Allocation and Offtake of RICE & WHEAT for the Year 2013-14 TO 2015-16 Under TPDS

(In Thousand tons)

SL.NO

STATES/UTs

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

Allocation

Offtake

Allocation

Offtake

Allocation

Offtake

1

Andhra Pradesh

3822.816

2688.167

2629.793

1587.263

2110.254

2069.543

2

Arunachal Pradesh

101.556

100.162

101.556

96.646

101.556

101.417

3

Assam

1886.856

1788.041

1890.094

1840.293

1811.924

1654.279

4

Bihar

3804.791

3195.481

4914.9

3938.148

5241.275

5025.021

5

Chhatisgarh

1255.803

1232.282

1337.466

1329.701

1384.056

1384.056

6

Delhi

554.894

521.49

356.693

360.925

424.5

425.886

7

Goa

63.036

64.063

63.148

57.239

61.692

64.072

8

Gujarat
2085.108
1505.321
2087.795
1885.738
2085.108
2016.456
9
Haryana
632.504
486.102
795
732.473
795
780.211
10
Himachal Pradesh
517.968
502.905
507.996
498.365
507.996
511.97
11
Jammu & Kashmir
756.804
756.635
756.804
666.045
755.852
747.628
12
Jharkhand
1358.652
1022.392
1359.442
958.781
1460.148
1096.211
13
Karnataka
2456.382
2467.432
2542.657
2313.096
2608.836
2238.332
14
Kerala
1472.688
1466.713
1474.349
1441.726
1472.688
1465.038
15
Madhya Pradesh
2743.016
2519.347
3194.247
2911.381
3390.015
3182.27
16
Maharashtra
4716.136
4307.369
4527.492
4045.779
4605.192
4324.368

17
Manipur
170.952
160.435
171.379
172.281
170.952
170.953
18
Meghalaya
188.58
188.567
188.858
188.197
186.484
173.878
19
Mizoram
70.14
66.393
70.14
67.419
69.774
71.504
20
Nagaland
126.876
125.048
126.876
137.329
126.876
134.02
21
Odisha
2191.872
2073.182
2192.981
2008.221
2099.939
1850.529
22
Punjab
781.044
587.37
870.12
191.434
870.12
890.317
23
Rajasthan
2485.536
2399.933
2791.572
2723.6
2791.572
2681.131
24
Sikkim
44.28
45.932
44.283
42.789
44.292
43.333
25
Tamil Nadu
3722.832
3010.254
3722.832
3082.407
3722.832

3746.034
26
Telangana
0
0
1196.445
425.164
1465.68
1279.22
27
Tripura
303.24
311.409
303.249
300.224
284.431
274.81
28
Uttar Pradesh
7268.52
6755.502
7274.773
6213.857
7472.363
7282.416
29
Uttrakhand
511.992
511.274
512.647
539.743
507.492
529.586
30
West Bengal
3857.196
3560.451
3860.971
3752.948
3618.996
3319.673
31
A&N Islands
34.02
32.045
34.02
24.727
33.649
22.378
32
Chandigarh
35.852
24.725
31.212
27.018
13.005
14.762
33
D&N Haveli
10.464
13.192
10.47
12.436
10.341
10.22
34
Damen& DIU
5.652
0.725
5.661
2.266

5.792
4.436
35
Lakshadweep
4.62
3.09
4.62
5.044
4.62
3.72
36

Puducherry
60.312
33.427
60.372
5.95
25.13
4.526

TOTAL
50102.99
44526.856
52012.913
44586.653
52340.432
49594.204

Above allocation and offtake includes addl. APL allocation and offtake also.

Note (2): APL allocation and Offtake includes APL additional allocation and offtake also

@ AAY and APL allocation and Offtake includes NFSA and other than NFSA allocation and offtake

Offtake Source: FCI

Annex II

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1596 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2016
IN THE LOK SABHA

STATEMENT SHOWING ALLOCATION AND OFFTAKE OF FOODGRAINS (RICE+WHEAT) OF SPECIAL ADHOC ADDITIONAL
ALLOCATIONS MADE DURING 2013-14 to 2015-16 UNDER TPDS
(IN THOUSAND TONS)

S.No.

STATES/UTS

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

Allocation

Offtake

Allocation

Offtake

Allocation

Offtake

1

ANDHRA PRADESH

311.57

235.07909

216.797

155.653

121.136

104.385

2

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

7.592

0

7.703

6.474

7.596

5.897

3

ASSAM

140.794

97.89951

142.828

129.636

93.864

92.373

4
BIHAR (NFSA)
500.213
256.1812
0
0
5
CHHATTISGARH
143.784
0
0
0
6
DELHI
31.364
0
0
0
7
GOA
3.68
0
3.734
2.239
2.456
0.301
8
GUJARAT
162.572
153.9253
164.918
144.355
162.564
161.159
9
HARYANA
60.504
0
0
0
10
HIMACHAL PRADESH
39.416
0
0
0
11
JAMMU & KASHMIR
56.44
0
57.244
44.962
47.03
13.401
12
JHARKHAND
183.584
106.167
186.237
149.255
91.794
64.575
13
KARNATAKA
239.946
49.716
0
0
14
KERALA
119.168

51.0102
120.89
120.926
119.172
119.196
15
MADHYAPRADESH
316.324
1.189
0
0
16
MAHARASHTRA
501.059
0
0
0
17
MANIPUR
12.73
9.11956
12.914
12.93
12.732
12.732
18
MEGHALAYA
14.033
12.00154
14.238
14.317
11.7
12.87
19
MIZORAM
5.214
0
5.288
4.789
4.774
5.05
20
NAGALAND
9.51
0
9.646
9.75
9.504
9.503
21
ODISHA
252.906
137.015
256.561
143.403
162.218
140.448
22
PUNJAB
35.888
0
0
0
23
RAJASTHAN
186.42
0
0
0
24
SIKKIM

3.298
0.475
3.346
3.307
2.75
2.475
25
TAMIL NADU
372.918
250.06414
378.306
367.467
372.924
369.186
26
TELANGANA
0
0
99.273
38.515
64.932
12.414
27
TRIPURA
22.622
22.624
22.951
22.954
9.43
9.619
28
UTTAR PRADESH
818.879
71.989
830.707
552.287
750.64
584.575
29
UTTARAKHAND
38.188
0
38.736
4.676
19.092
7.675
30
WEST BENGAL
397.152
85.18219
402.889
218.486
308.449
142.892
31
A&N ISLANDS
2.146
0
2.177
0
1.969
0
32
CHANDIGARH
1.764
0
0
0
33
D&N HAVELI
1.382

0.037
1.404
1.091
1.276
0.852
34
DAMAN & DIU
0.268
0.048
0.2711
0.208
0.154
0.048
35
LAKSHADWEEP
0.23
0
0.233
0.188
0.114
0.051
36
PONDICHERRY
6.442
0
6.536
0
2.685
0.22
GRAND TOTAL
5000
1539.72273
2985.8271
2147.868
2380.955
1871.897
Offtake source: FCI
